WHAT FRANCE HAS GIVEN TO WIN THIS WAR

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When they read what Frenchmen have given in this War, the most liberal Americans must feel like slackers. France has bled from the heart and from the pocket more profusely than any other of the Allied nations.

It cost the Union 110,000 lives on the battlefield to win the Civil War. When the great German assault began, on March 21, 1918, France had already lost eleven times that many soldiers actually killed.

The official Government report shows that in addition to the 1,300,000 slain in battle, an equal number of other soldiers were so badly wounded they could never fight again.

Unprecedented battles during the past four months have added heavily to this appalling roll of over two and a half million troops eliminated from the War, plus the millions of other wounded.

Invasion and war have cut off over a tenth of France's population. Instead of thirty-nine millions, as it was before the War began in 1914, it is now thirty-five millions.

When Lee made his memorable invasion of Pennsylvania, he came like a gentleman, fought like a hero at Gettysburg, and went home again, while his army never stole as much as a chicken from a Pennsylvania farmer; but the Kaiser's Hun fights all property as well as all human beings. Thus, before March 21 of this year, two hundred forty-seven French towns were under German fire and seven hundred fifty-three cities or villages had been utterly ruined by the Prussian invader.

The Hun had seized, as official French reports show, two-thirds of all the country's coal, nine-tenths of all its iron, three-quarters of all the woolen mills and a half of all the cotton plants, and eighty-seven per cent. of the beet industry.

C. M. Schwab says the greatest iron ore deposit of the world is in Alsace-Lorraine, and the devouring Hun has sought to fasten upon it for all time.

The United States has now three times the population of France, and our people earn over six times as much money every year, but France has regarded her liberty as so valuable that to fight the German oppressor she levies a tax of $38.00 per capita, which is four times what we Americans paid before we entered the War, although an average American earns twice as many dollars every week as a Frenchman.

The War has cost France over twenty-two billion dollars. As yet Americans have loaned their country, by the purchase of Liberty Bonds, only One Hundred Dollars each. Every child, woman and man in France has loaned the nation Three Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars.

When the Bank of France sent out its appeal to the people to bring in their gold coins, they answered that call with half a billion dollars in real money.

You exclaim: "With all this terrible sacrifice in men and money and ruined properties, France must be down and out!" Not by a jugfull! You don't know France!

The French Army was actually larger the day the Kaiser started his last great drive for Paris than it had ever been before. Official figures prove that three million French troops were in the fighting zone and one million, seven hundred and twenty-five thousand more were mobilized behind the lines or in training. That does not include French colonial troops. France still has in her arsenal what a prizefighter would call a "Knock-out Wallop."

Every well man from twenty to forty-eight is in the army. Mobilize Americans up to an equal standard and you set in motion for that crossing of the Rhine over twelve million men in Khaki.

Hindenburg sets a division to guard less than four miles of battlefront. France holds the line for five and a half miles with one division.

On last New Year's Day there were gathered under the tri-color of France fifteen thousand cannon, of which six thousand were heavy guns.

Were America's debt five times what it is today, it would not be greater, measured by our people and our ability to pay, than is the debt of France! Were Pershing's army eight times its present size, it would still represent a smaller man-mobilization than follows the standard of France! Were Pennsylvania, with all its colossal industries, snatched from the map of the United States, it would be relatively a smaller loss, industrially, than France has already suffered!

When you think you have given enough for this War, remember France!